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In re application of: Bryan et al.

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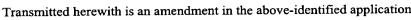
For:

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES (X) NO	() \$130.00 () \$260.00 ONE TIME	
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Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated November 18,1999 for 3 months, so that the period for response is extended to February 18, 2000. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$ 435.00 to cover the cost of the extension of time fee.

	A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
	A check for \$ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
	A check for \$ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
•	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credi
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